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Earth-Based Analogs & Modeling for Exercise Biomechanics in Space
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Outline

- **University Collaboration**
- **Digital Astronaut Simulation**
- **Experimental Study**
- **Results & Takeaways**
- **Next Steps**

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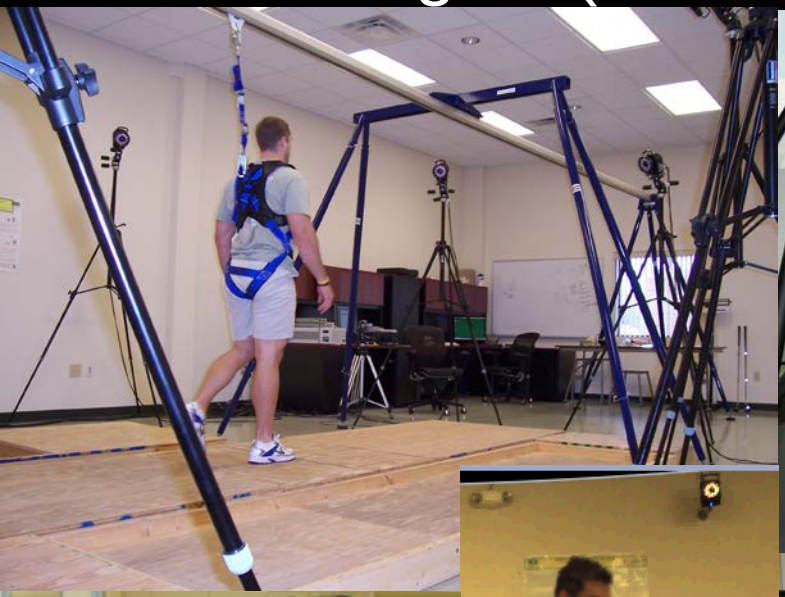

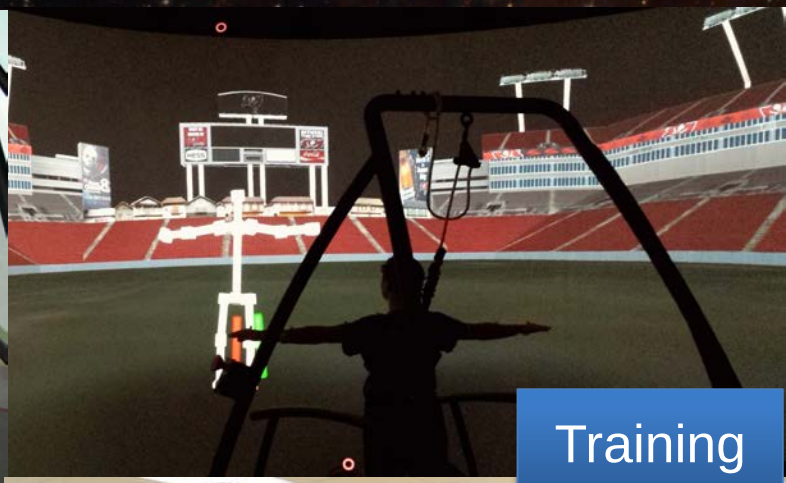

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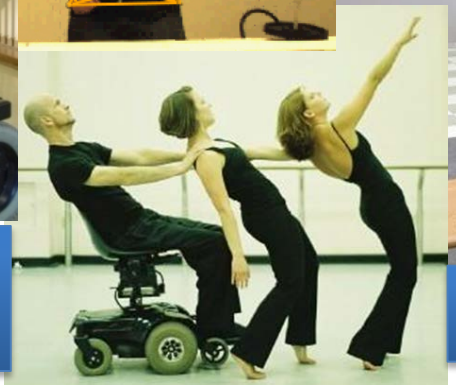
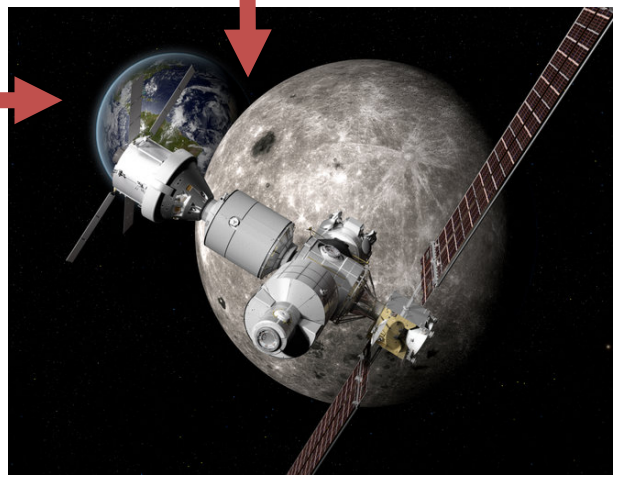


Human-Robot Interaction

Performance & Physical Rehabilitation

NASA Space Technology Research Fellowship (NSTRF17)



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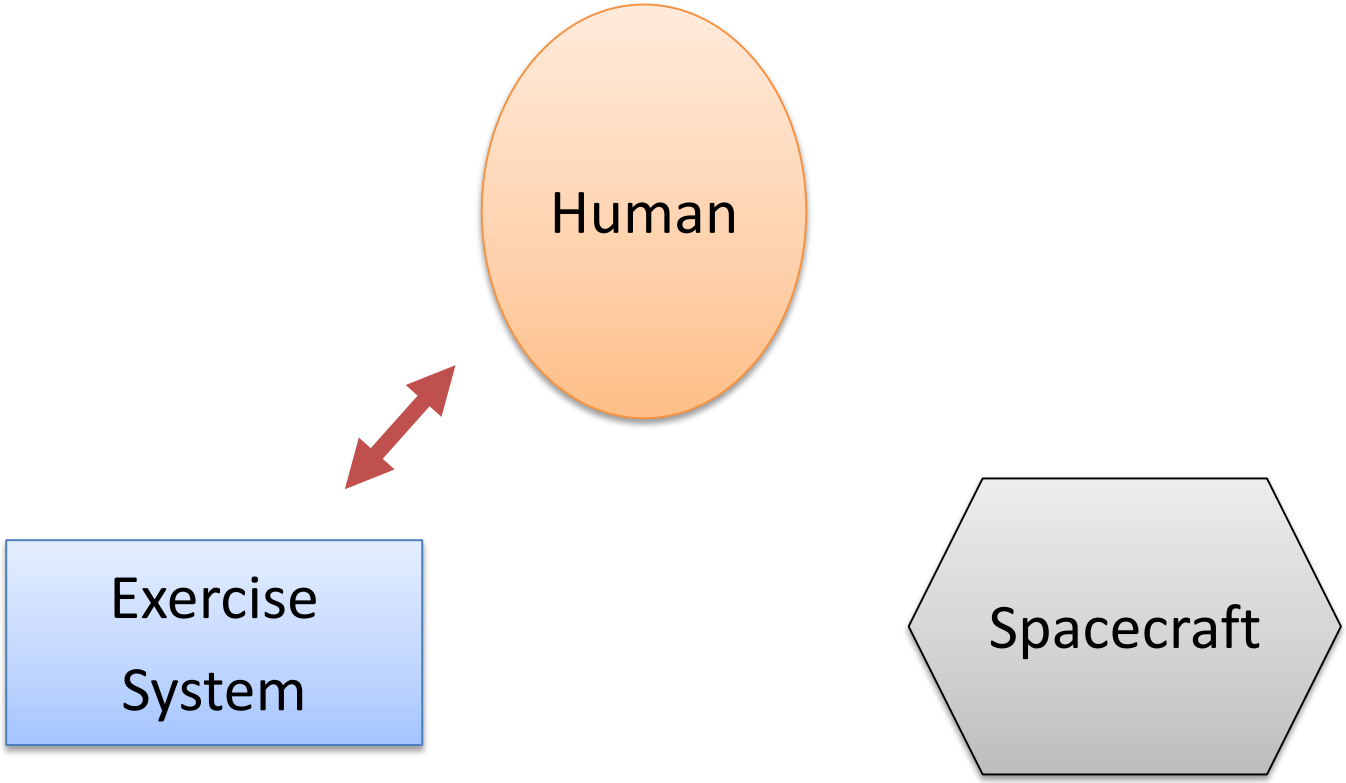

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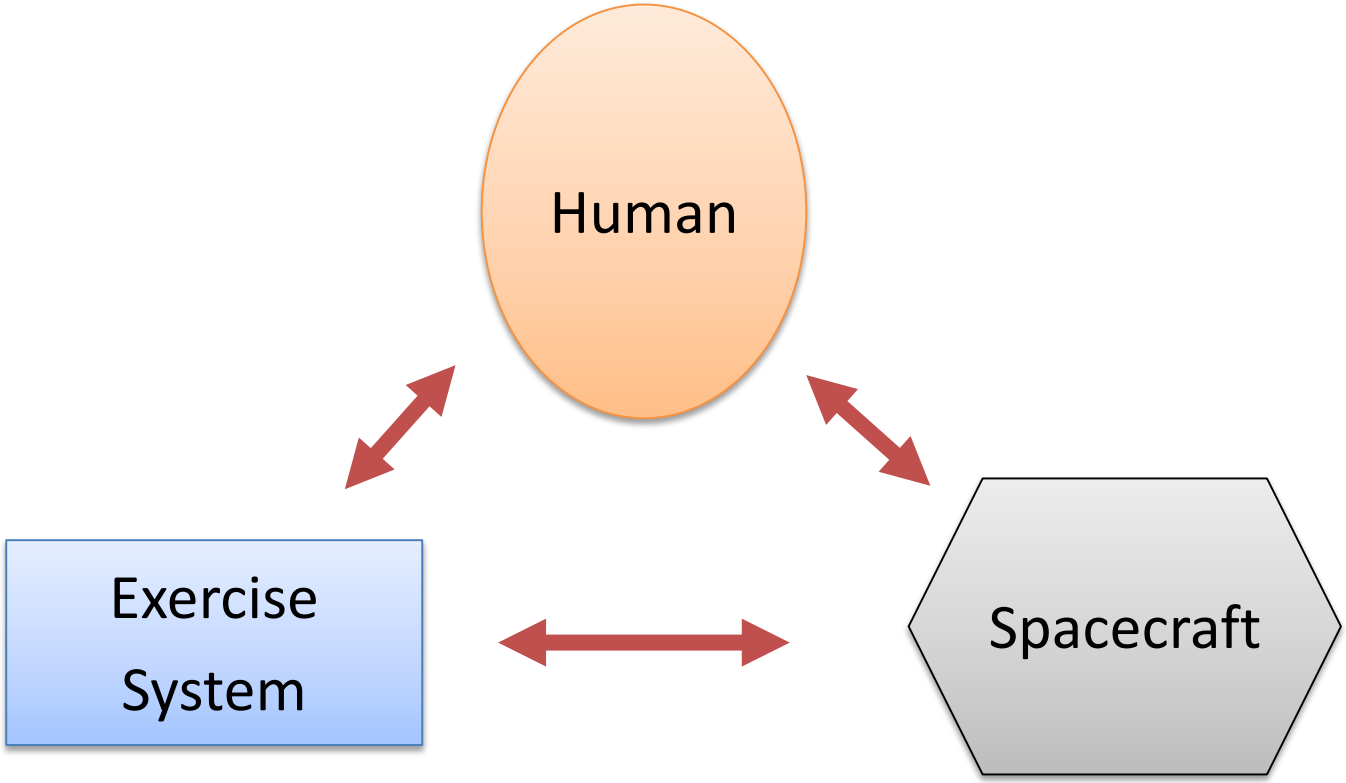
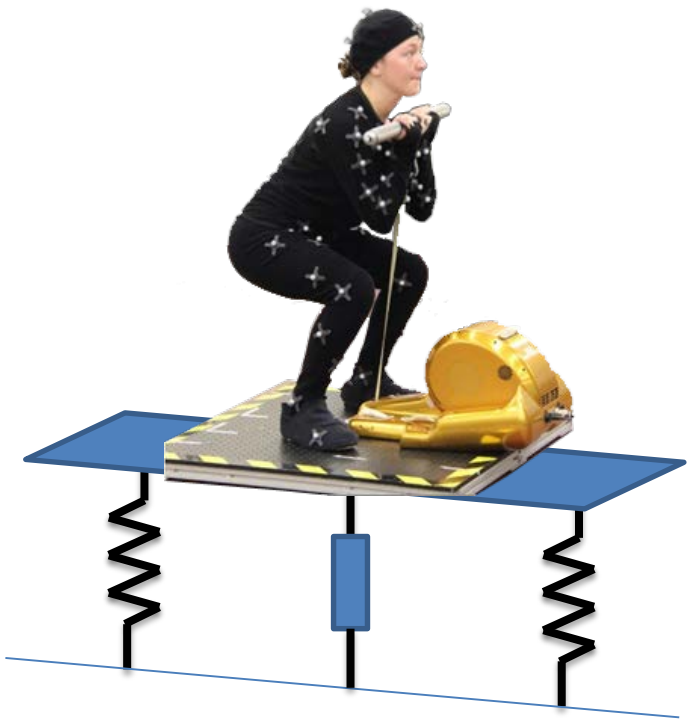
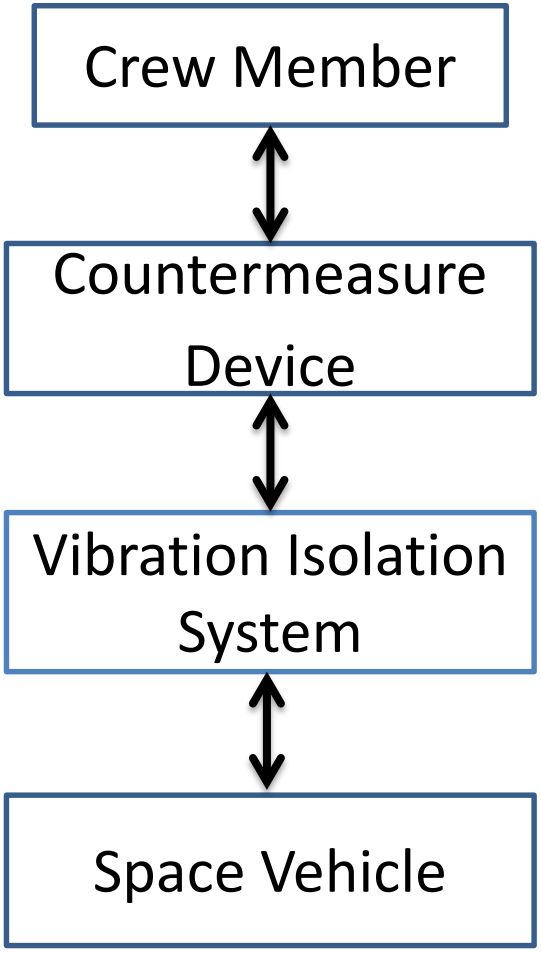


Vibration Isolation System (VIS)





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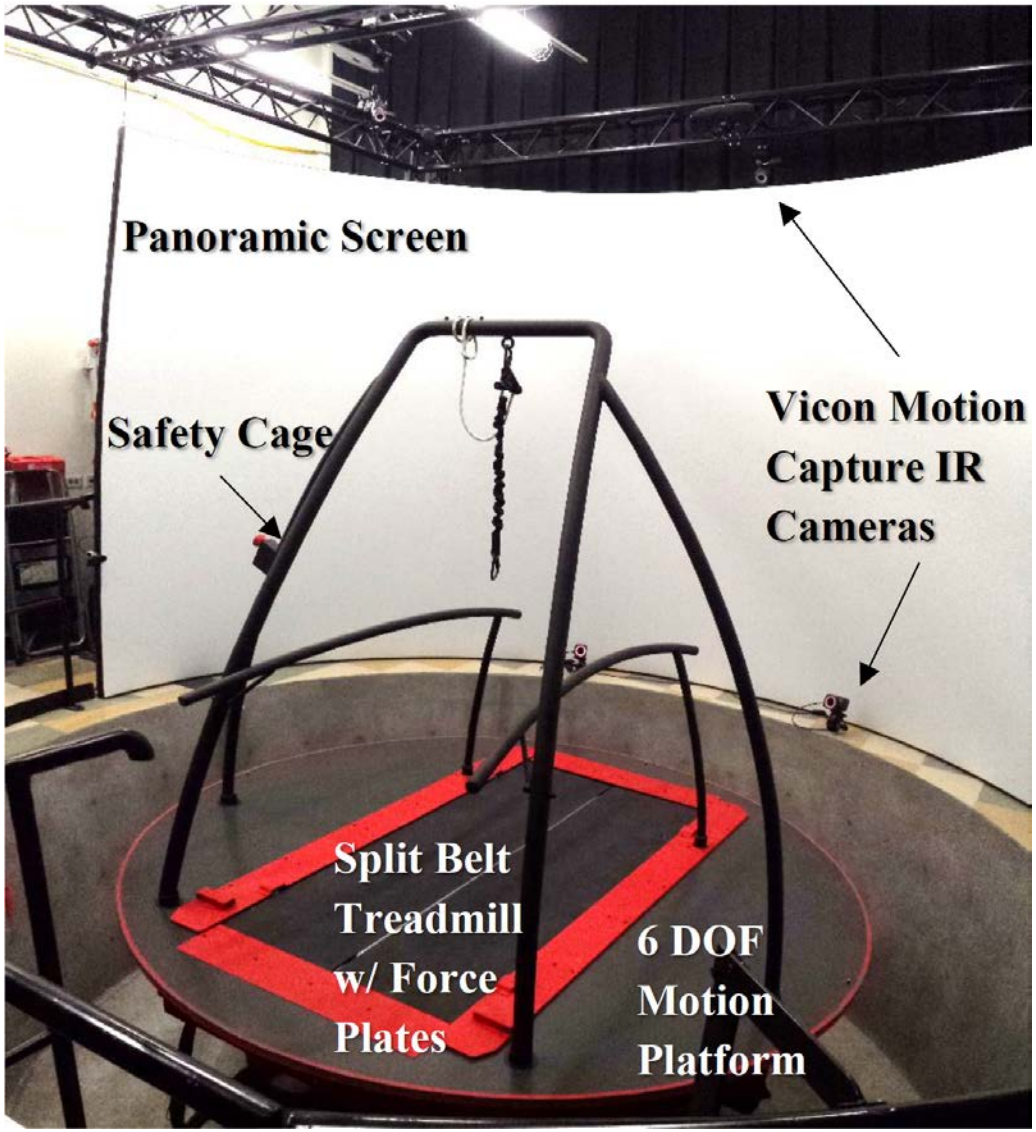

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Human Body Model

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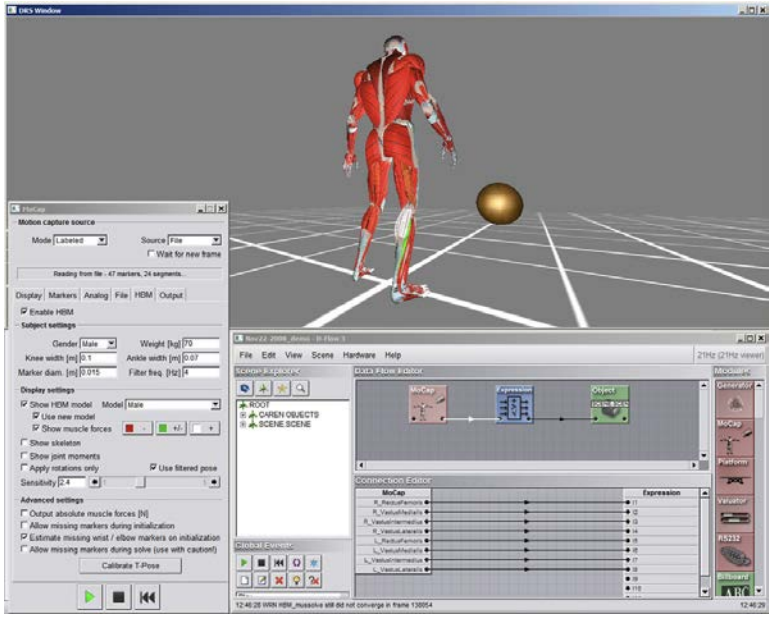

Analog & Digital Signals

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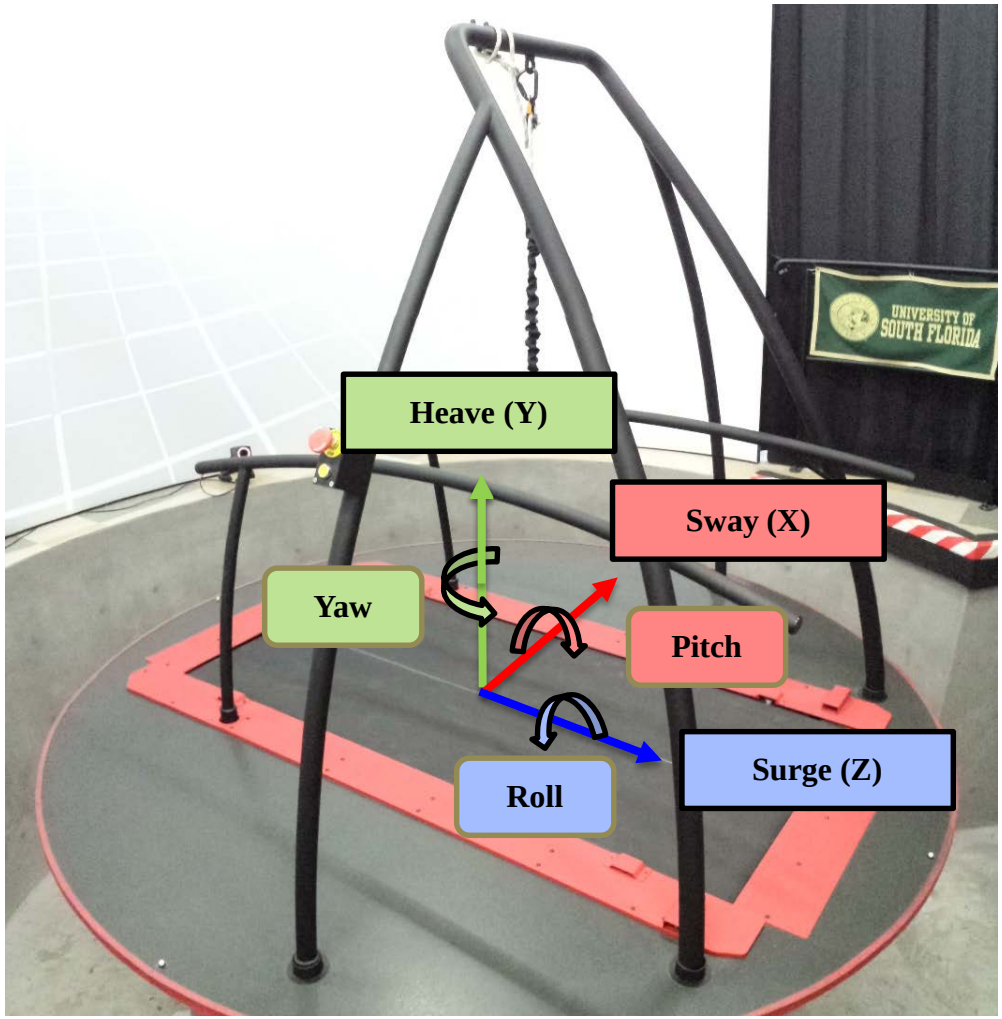

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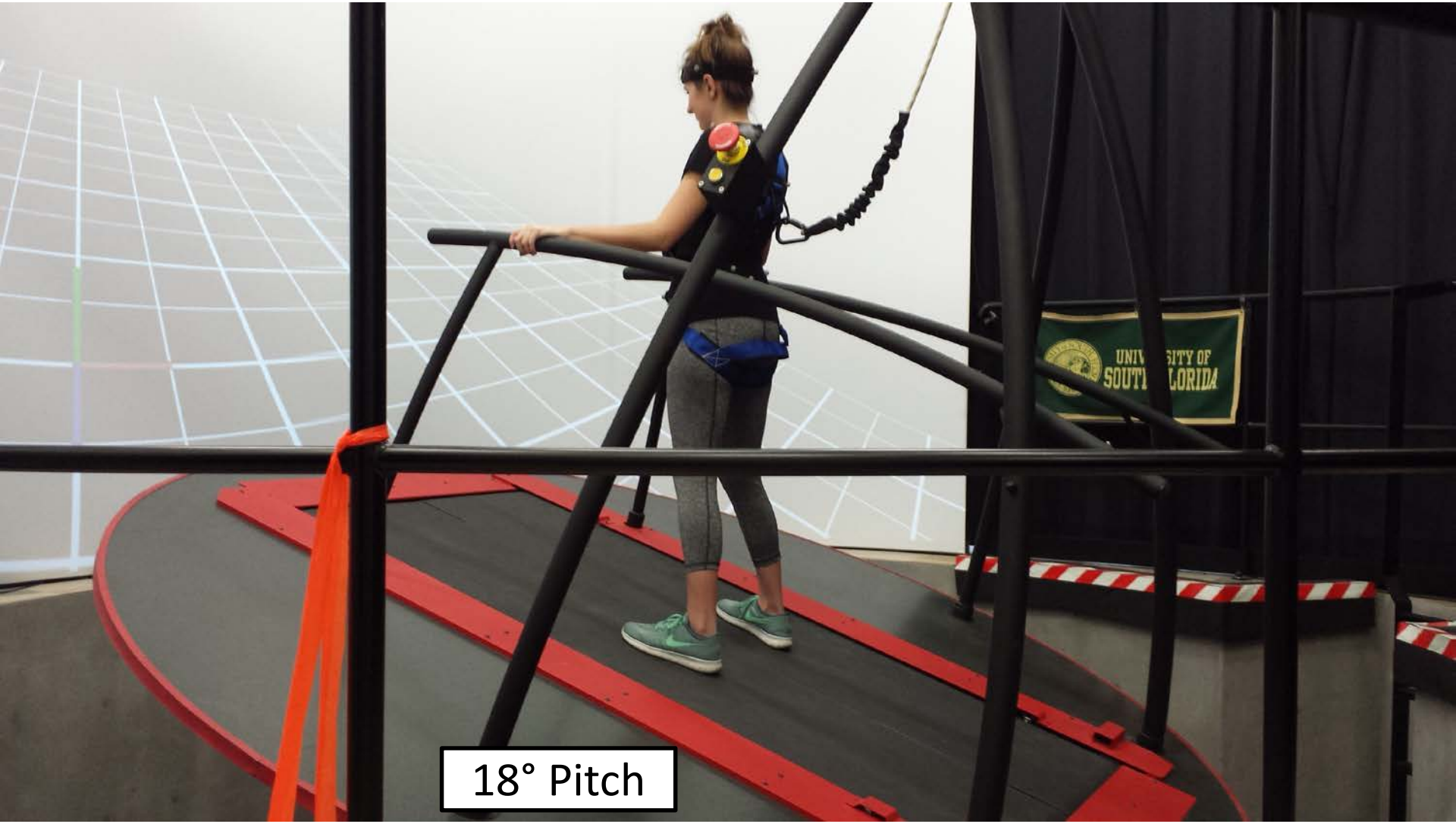

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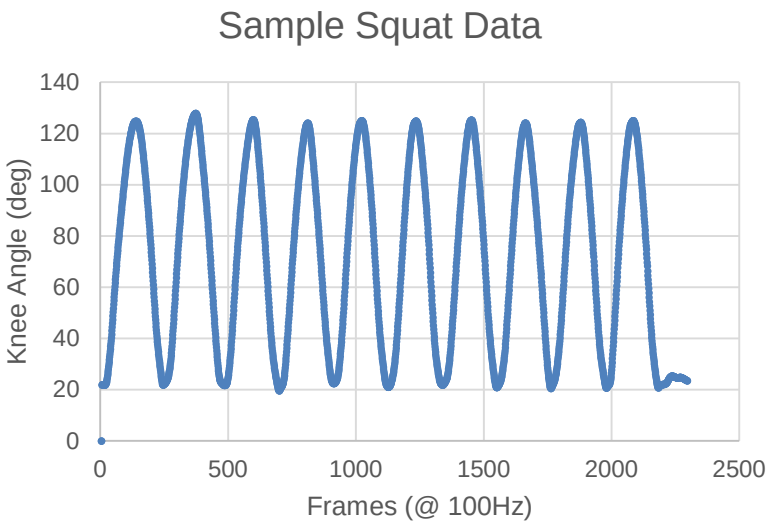
- DOFs of Interest:
  - 1 Translational
  - 1 Rotational
- Exercises of Interest:
  - Squats
  - Rowing
- Parameters of Interest:
  - Force
  - Motion

Theory



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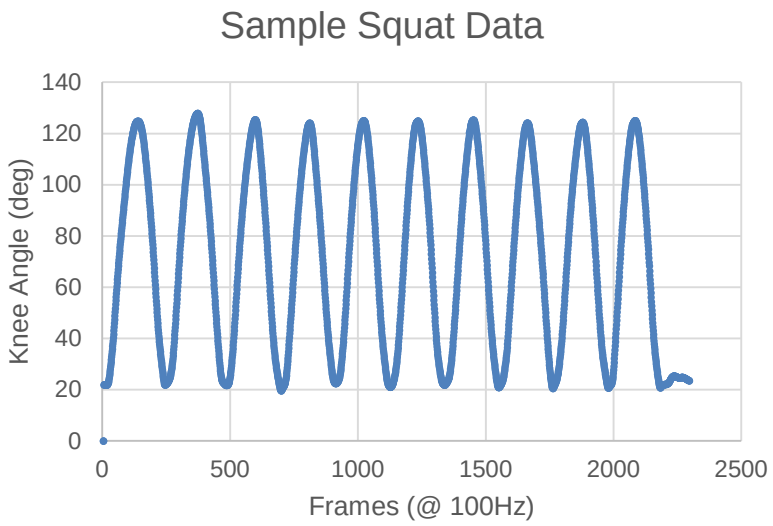

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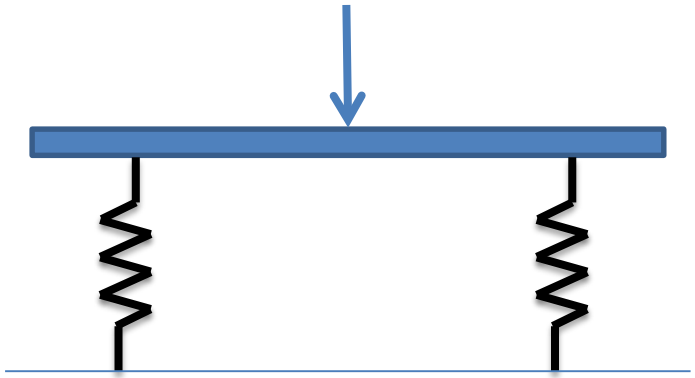
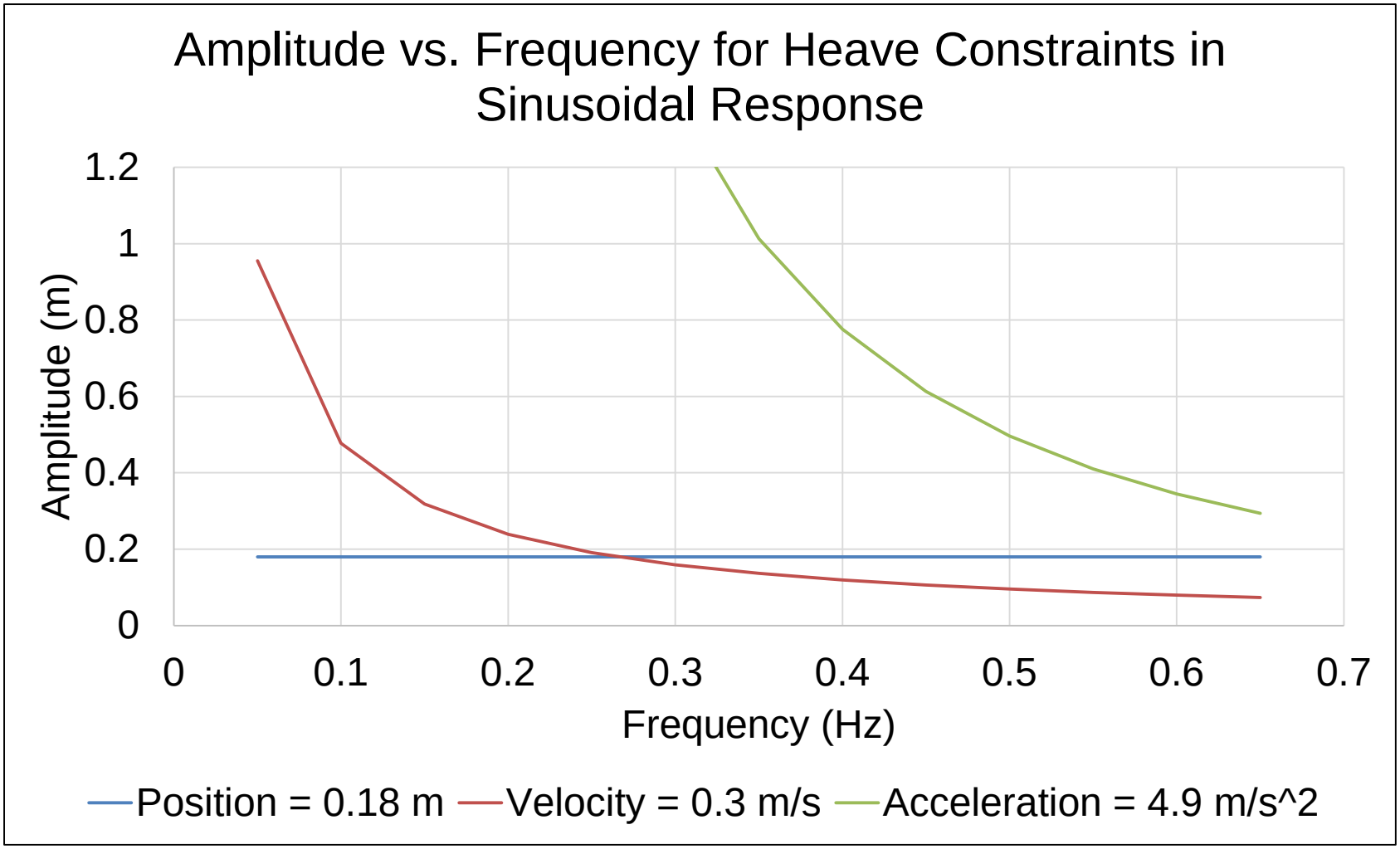


Platform Dynamics:

$$y(t) = A\sin(2\pi f t)$$

Constraint Determination



Experimental Design

Exercise & Platform Motion Frequencies

Frequencies Selected	Reason
0.10 Hz	ARED MILT & ISS Acceleration Environment
0.35 Hz	ARED MILT & midway point
0.60 Hz	ARED MILT & exercise point of interest
Self-selected	Nominal

Participants instructed to match platform motion

Experimental Design

- **IRB Approved Human Subject Testing on CAREN**

System Components:

- 2 DOF of motion platform

Instrumentation:

- Motion Capture – Kinematics
- Force Plate Measurement – Kinetics

Environmental Distinctions:

- 1G
- No external weight

Experimental Method: Subjects

N = 4

Subject Designation	Gender	Age	Height (m)	Weight (lbs / N)
S1	Female	18	1.73	136.0 / 605.0
S2	Female	22	1.62	121.2 / 539.1
S3	Female	44	1.60	148.2 / 659.2
S4	Male	22	1.86	172.2 / 766.0

Inclusion Criteria

1. Be between the ages of 18 and 65 years old
2. Have no physical impairments
3. Be able to complete exercise motions such as squats and vertical rows

Participation

1 session, ~2 hours

Experimental Method: Pre-Test Preparations

Training

- Exercise Instruction
- Example Videos
- Instructed to match frequency of platform motion

Measurements

- Height & Weight
- Individualized Subject Parameters

Preparations

- Marker placement for motion capture

Experimental Method: Trials

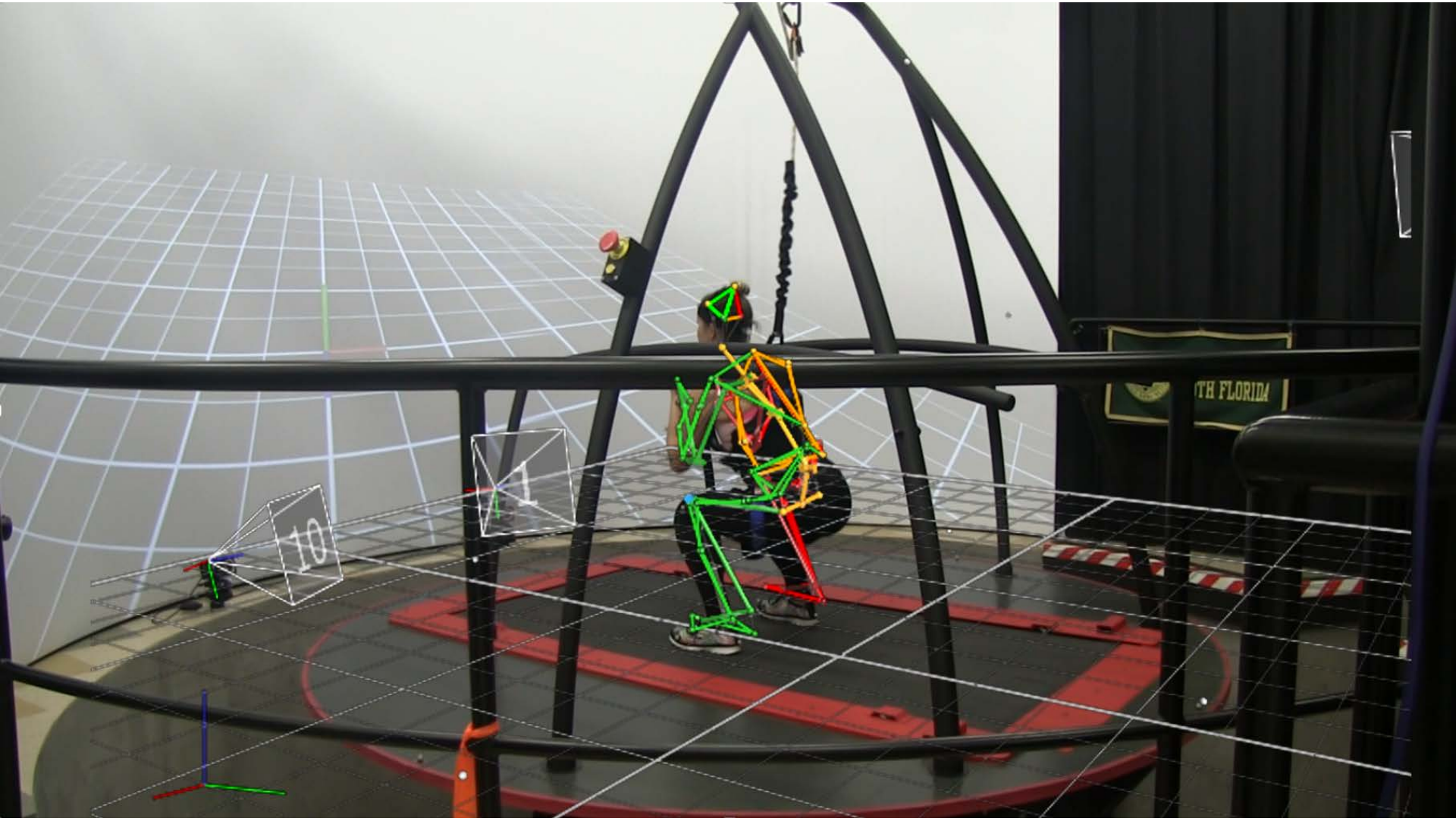
Squat:

#	Exercise	Heave Frequency	Heave Amplitude	Pitch Freq	Pitch Amp
3	Baseline Squat	N/A (Static)	N/A (Static)	N/A	N/A
4	Squat	0.10 Hz	Baseline Measured	N/A	N/A
5	Squat	0.35 Hz	Baseline Measured	N/A	N/A
6	Squat	0.60 Hz	Baseline Measured	N/A	N/A
7	Squat	Baseline Measured Hz	Baseline Measured	N/A	N/A

Row:

#	Exercise	Heave Frequency	Heave Amplitude	Pitch Freq	Pitch Amp
8	Baseline Row	N/A (Static)	N/A (Static)	N/A	N/A
9	Row	0.10 Hz	Baseline Measured	N/A	N/A
10	Row	0.35 Hz	Baseline Measured	N/A	N/A
11	Row	0.60 Hz	Baseline Measured	N/A	N/A
12	Row	Baseline Measured Hz	Baseline Measured	N/A	N/A
13	Row	Baseline Measured Hz	Baseline Measured	Baseline Measured Hz	0.5 deg
14	Row	Baseline Measured Hz	Baseline Measured	Baseline Measured Hz	1 deg
15	Row	Baseline Measured Hz	Baseline Measured	Baseline Measured Hz	2 deg
16	Row	Baseline Measured Hz	Baseline Measured	Baseline Measured Hz	3 deg

Testing



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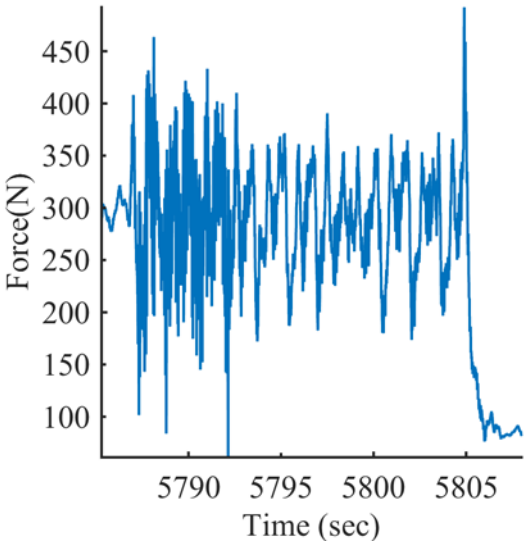
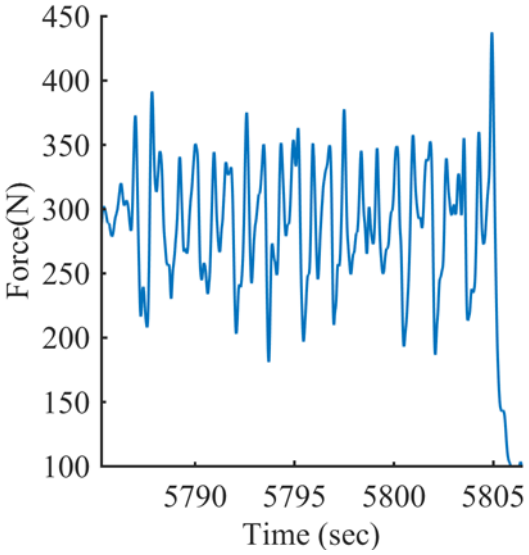
Kinetic Data Processing

- **Data Extraction**
- **Filtering**
- **Computations**
  - Resultant Force
  - Average Maximum Force
  - Average Force Range
  - Force Frequency Matching



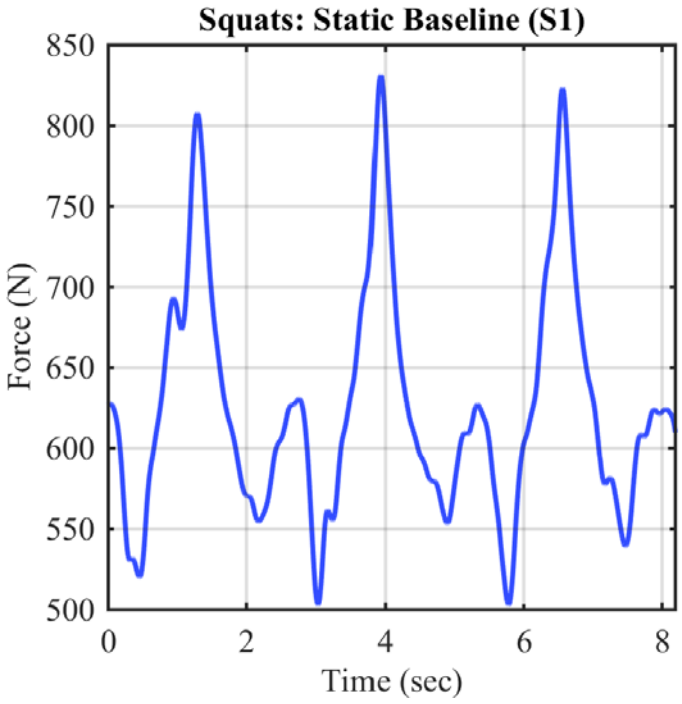
Unfiltered

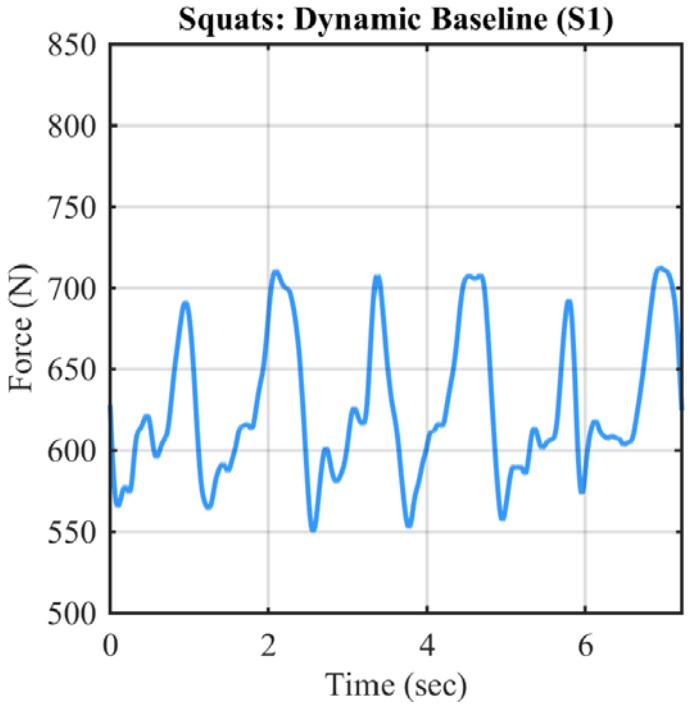


Filtered

Kinetic Results: Ground Reaction Force Profiles

Squats





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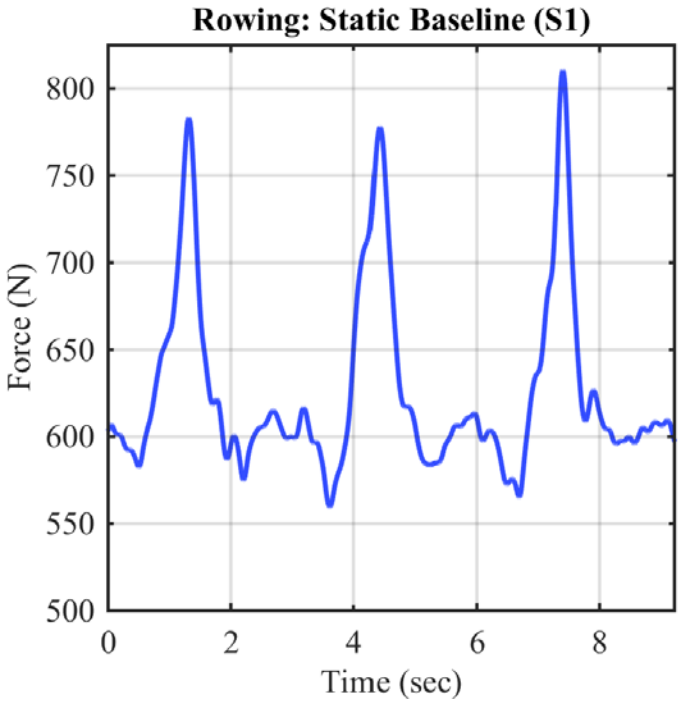
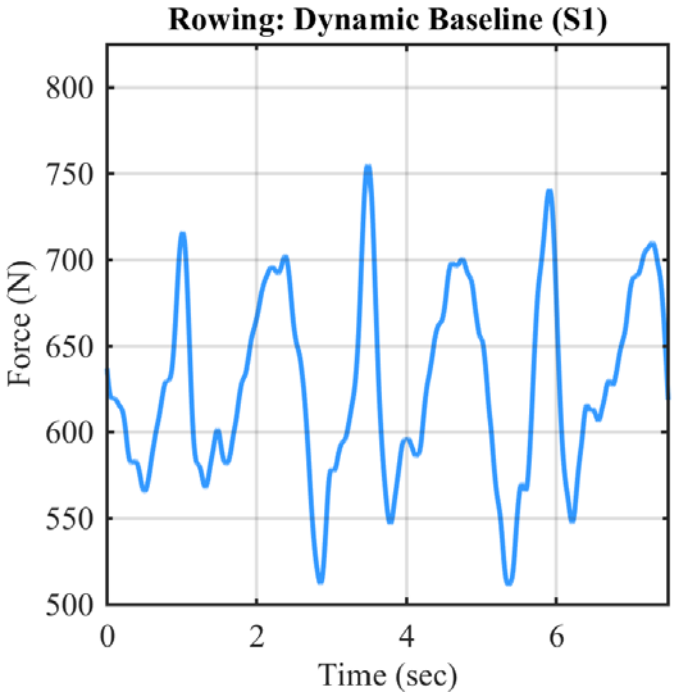
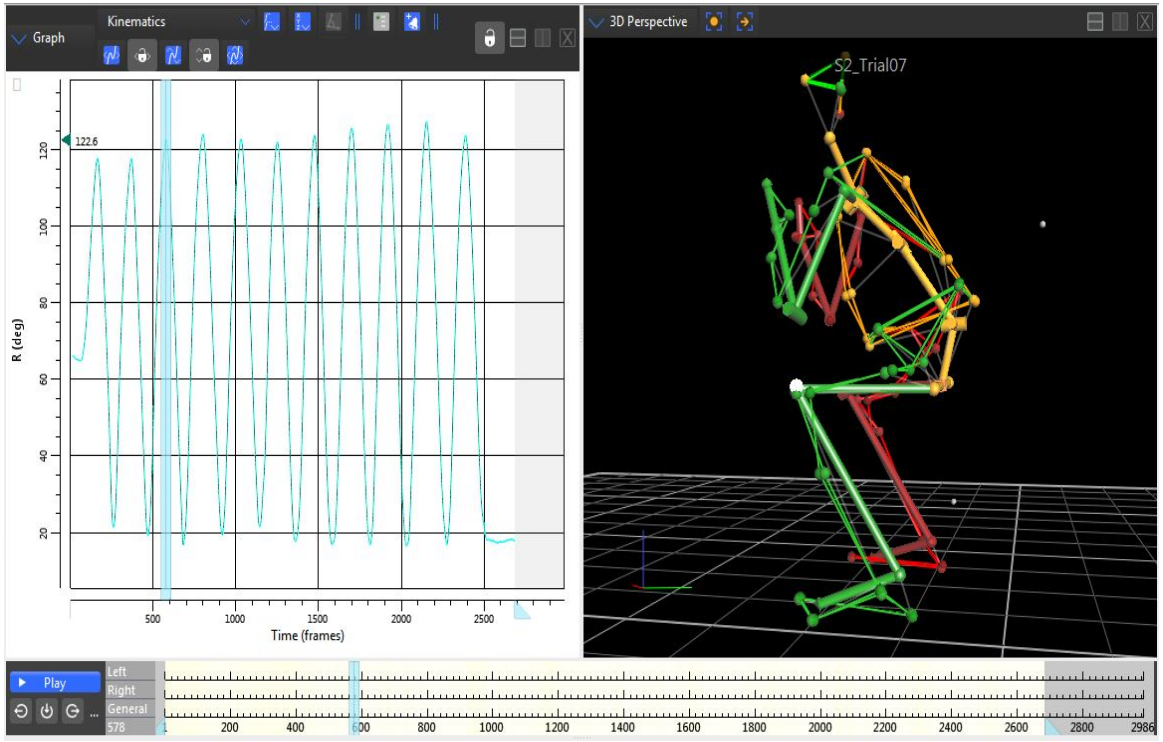




Kinematic Data Processing

- **Data Cleaning**
- **Functional Skeletal Model**
  - Calculates Joint Center
  - Joint Angles
- **Computations**
  - Joint Angle ROM



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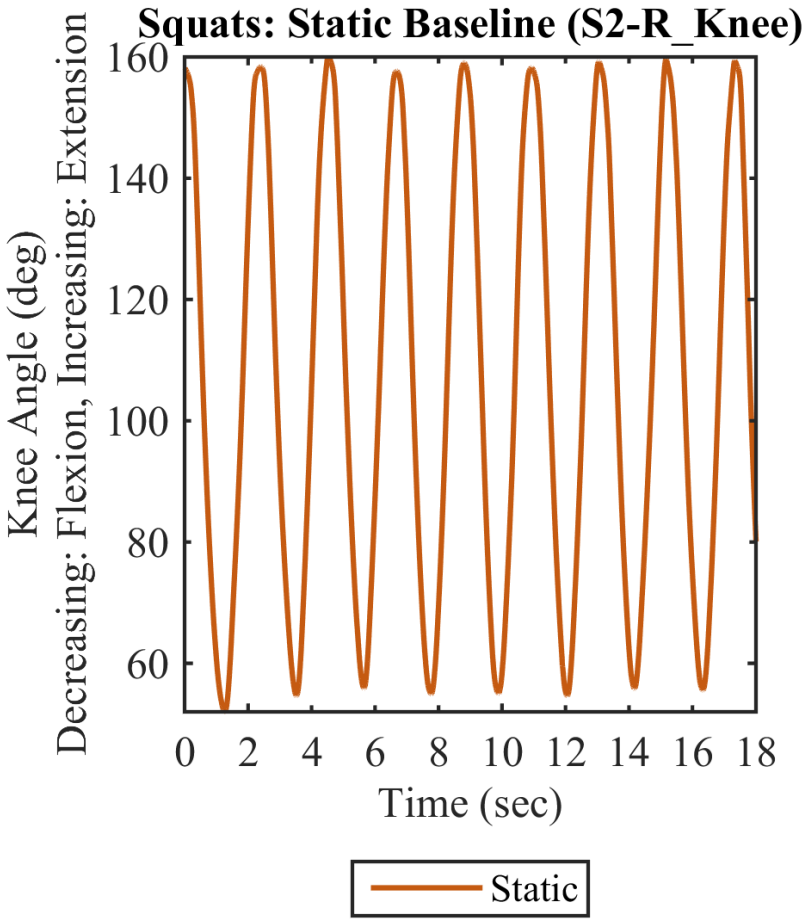

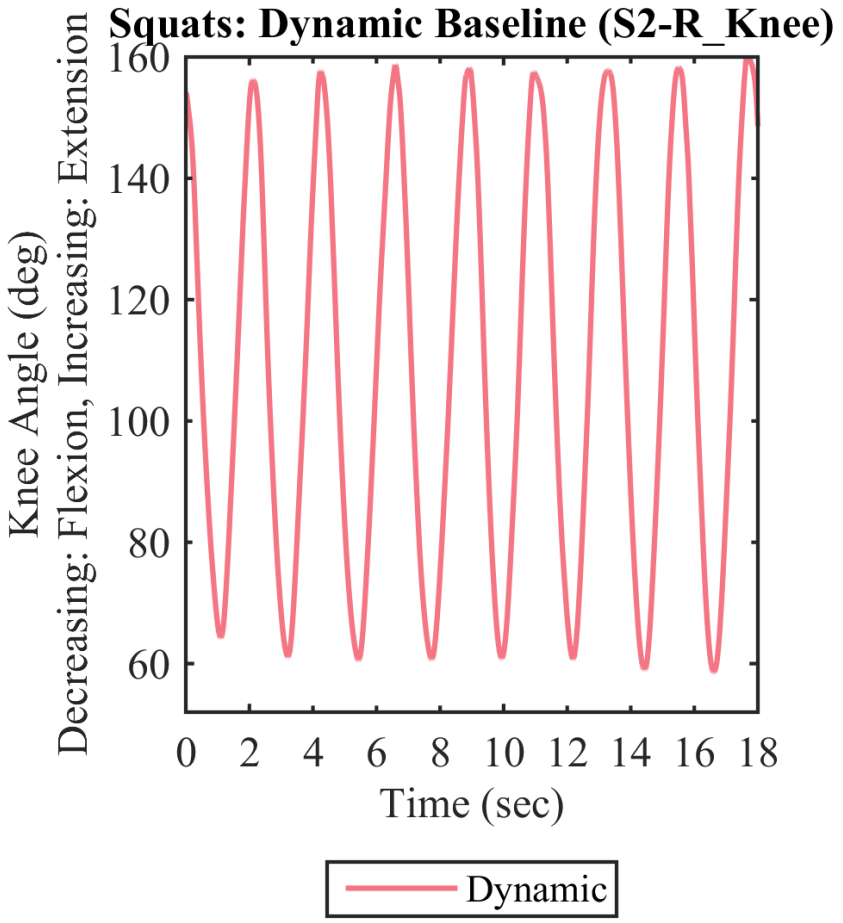

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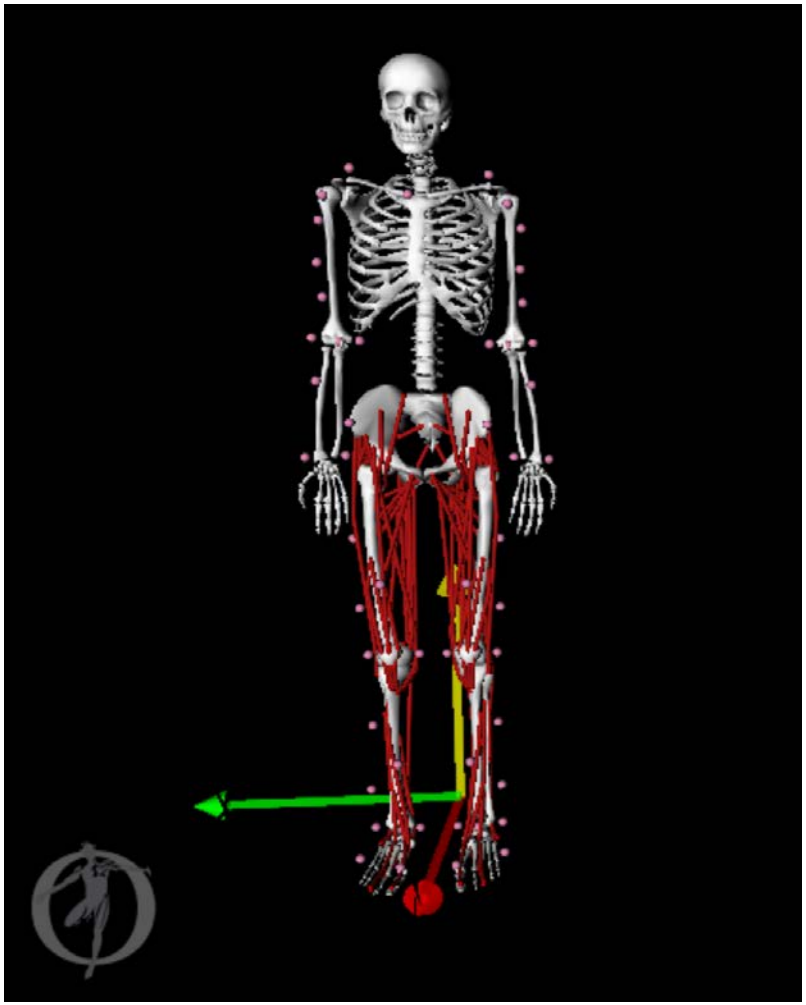
OpenSim



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1. Scaling
2. Inverse Kinematics
3. Inverse Dynamics
4. Static Optimization

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JSC Facilities

Active Response Gravity Offload System (ARGOS)

Prototype Immersive Technology Lab (PIT)

Forward Work

- **Enhancing CAREN as an analog for a passive VIS**
- **Development for active VIS**
- **PIT & ARGOS data collections**
- **VIS analyses and design using motion capture & force data from human-in-the-loop testing**
- **Incorporation of data feedback in exercise systems**

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More information on this topic:

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